

# St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025



## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Mrs Comfort

### Flu Immunisation

The NHS School-Aged Immunisation Service took place last week, administering the annual flu vaccination for all children who have had permission given. If you gave consent but your child missed their Childhood Flu Immunisation in school, you will have received an automated email from the Immunisation Service with a link to book an appointment at one of their Community Clinics.

Alternatively, if you missed the opportunity for your child to be vaccinated at the school session you can complete a consent form via the following link <https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/> using the school code: **KT118748**. Please contact the team directly on 0300 123 5205 option 1 for more information about community clinic availability & bookings.

### Class 2 Family Collective Worship

It was lovely to welcome our Class 2 families into school this morning for our first Family Collective Worship of this year. Ms Phengphachanh reports '*Otters Class presented a fantastic Family Collective Worship, where they took us on an educational journey through the Arctic and Antarctica sharing fascinating facts about the coldest places on Earth. The children impressed everyone by reciting their English text from memory and even created a catchy song to make their presentation extra special. Their enthusiasm and pride were truly evident as they shared what they had learned.*'



### Out and About

Several classes have been out and about in the local area this week. We are so very lucky to have many places within walking distance which we can use to enhance our learning.

Classes 5 and 6 each undertook geography field trips in the town. Class 5 focused on comparing and contrasting our local area with that of Innsbruck, Austria. Class 6 spent time investigating the question 'How is population impacting our environment?' by considering the effect of human-made noise in and around our town.

Class 1 is the first of our classes to undertake a visit to Dover Castle this academic year. As you may well know all classes visit the castle every year, each visit having a different focus. Mrs Wallis reports '*Class 1 had a wonderful time visiting Dover Castle on Wednesday. We explored the Keep and enjoyed looking at aerial views of Dover from the top of the hill. Members of the public commented on how sensible and polite all the children were when they explored the castle. Well done to Class 1!*'



Our Year 6 team captains visited St Mary's Church Little Lambs toddler group at the Parish Centre on Friday morning. This is a great opportunity for liaison between our pupils and many of those who will be joining us in the future.



Mrs Morris reports 'It was lovely to see our Year 6 children playing and interacting with the younger children. They showed great care and support as they wheeled children around in the toy cars and helped them with the building blocks. Harley managed to sharpen all the colouring pencils on the drawing table which enabled the little ones to show their artist side as they created an Autumnal picture.'



### Inter-House Sports Competition Success!

Children from Year R to Year 6 brought their energy, enthusiasm, and team spirit to our first Inter-House Sports Competition this week. Ms Phengphachanh reports 'From relays and a hoop race to an obstacle course, every child gave their all. It was wonderful to see children showcasing teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship across all ages. Congratulations to all participants!'



### School Uniform

As always, thank you all for your efforts in providing school uniform for your children. We work hard to minimise lost items at school. Staff check that the children put on all clothing that they brought to school (jumpers, cardigans, coats) before leaving each day. If your child comes out of school with something missing please ask the teacher about it as soon as possible, preferably on the day in question. Staff have reported to me that many items of clothing are not named; please note that from now on staff may write the child's name on a label when this is seen. Named items can quickly and easily be returned to their owner!

### Black History Month

All classes undertook a lesson this week in recognition of Black History Month which we observe every year. This year the theme is 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride' with the message that unity is strength. Can your child tell you anything about the person who their class found out about?

### Reception Class 2026

As this new school year begins we are already working to connect with the children and families who will be joining our next Reception Class in September 2026.

**Do you have a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022?**

If so they will be eligible to start school in September 2026. We invite families to book an appointment to come and have a look around our school at a time to suit. Please spread the word to anyone you know with a child of the right age.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

### **St Mary's CEP School, Dover School Council 2025 - 2026**



### **HOUSE POINTS**

1<sup>st</sup> – **RAMSEY** – 131 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> – **FISHER** – 128 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> – **TEMPLE** – 114 points  
4<sup>th</sup> – **LANG** – 106 points

## Learner of the Week

### Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

**Class R – Kyle** is our Learner of the Week in Turtles Class as he has wowed us in PSHE with his kind and thoughtful contributions! He is a brilliant friend to others and always shares and takes turns. Well done Kyle!



**Class 1 – EVERYONE** in Starfish Class are our Learners of the Week for their fantastic behaviour on our class trip to Dover Castle! The children explored the Keep carefully and were respectful of other visitors. Members of the public and Dover Castle staff commented on how brilliant Starfish Class were at listening and following instructions. Well done Starfish Class – you made us all very proud of you!

**Class 2** – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Blessing!** Blessing has shown fantastic writing skills and has demonstrated strong independence in maths. Her kindness, politeness and consistent effort have made a positive impact on the class. Blessing has also showcased great sportsmanship during the inter-house competition. Keep up the amazing work Blessing!

**Class 3** – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class is **Joy** for her enthusiasm, positivity and willingness to try her best in everything that she does! Joy sets an example to others with her excellent behaviour, good listening skills and kindness. We are so proud of you Joy!

**Class 4** – Penguins Class Learner of the Week is **Piano** as she has worked really hard in all her subjects and has listened carefully to instructions! Piano has also been kind and helpful to others, both in the classroom and on the playground. This hasn't stopped at the end of the day as Piano has also been really engaged during Science Club! A brilliant week Piano – well done!

**Class 5 – Omar** is our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class as he displayed excellent sportsmanship during our inter-house competition! Omar has also shown perseverance in all his lessons and we have been so proud of the effort that he has made in class. You are a superstar Omar – well done!

**Class 6** – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class is **Kasper** for the wonderful attitude and commitment he has shown at school. Kasper has impressed us in maths with his understanding of long division, and has worked exceptionally hard to improve his handwriting and presentation in English! He is a wonderful role model for the class and is always demonstrating our Christian values. An amazing week – well done Kasper!

## Go with the Flo...

### Spot the difference



### You are right, they are exactly the same!

Every day school staff are having the difficult task of returning un-named items of clothing to the correct children. It is also almost impossible for staff to find lost items of clothing if the item is not named. By labelling your children's clothing it makes reuniting 'lost' items with their owners so much easier. Please can we ask that you consider using permanent markers, fabric pens or iron-on labels to clearly mark your child's name on all items, including polo shirts, trousers/skirts/dresses, coats, school jumpers and PE kit.

In order to minimise the time spent on trying to establish who are the owners of un-named uniform, staff will now be writing children's names in their uniform if we discover that the item is un-named. If you would rather that we didn't write in your child's clothing, please let the office know.

Thank you for your support.

**Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer**

## Thought for the Week

SMALL ACTS,  
WHEN MULTIPLIED BY  
MILLIONS OF PEOPLE,  
CAN TRANSFORM  
THE WORLD.

## Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

In Collective Worship this week, the children explored one of our key school phrases: being a 'voice for the voiceless'. The children contributed excellent ideas as to what it means and how it can be demonstrated. Pupils explained that it is important to 'speak up' if they see something that is not in line with our school values or vision. This message was linked to the parable 'Jonah and the Fish'.

Giving the right message even when people are not prepared to listen is important. Christians believe that in the Old Testament, the prophets were the people whom God sent to give His message. Very often they found that people did not want to listen or laughed at them. Jonah overcame this feeling and shared God's message, even when he felt worried.

Why do you think it is important to 'speak up'? I wonder how you can be a 'voice for the voiceless'?

Class 2 Family Collective Worship brought the school week to a close as they shared their excellent learning confidently and clearly - well done, Otters Class!

## Spotlight on SEN...



Book your **FREE** workshops now

### PARENT SEND INFORMATION DAY

- Get help and advice
- Learn ways to support your child
- Talk to people from schools, health, and charities

Book here



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**16th October 2025 10am - 4pm**  
Kent Showground, Detling, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3JF



Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCO

## Term 1 2025

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October:

- Jack-in-a-Box Wrap-around Care Q&A Session – 2:45pm
- Class 6 - Swimming

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October:

- Football Club

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October:

- KAE Parent Workshop 'Supporting ADHD in the Home – 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- Class 6 – Swimming – Final Session
- Drama Club
- Multi-Skills Club
- Art Club

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October:

- SEND Coffee Morning – 9:00am – 10:00am
- Class 5 Local Visit
- Class 4 – Ukulele
- Yr R & Yr 6 – NCMP Screening
- Cricket Club
- Computing Club

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October:

- Forest School
  - Class 2 – morning
  - Class 5 – Afternoon
- Science Club

## GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> – Class 1 – 108 points

Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> – Class 3 & Class 6  
104 points



## Lunch Menu – Week One Week Beginning Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025

If you pay for your child's cooked lunch, the cost will be **£2.75 a day**. **This payment will be made directly to the school and must be paid for in advance.** Please note payment details below: -

Name of Account - KCC RE DOVER ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Sort Code - 60-60-08  
Account Number - 83294082  
Reference – [Child's Name] Lunch

		MENU - April - October 2025		
		Week One <small>21/04, 12/05, 09/06, 30/06, 14/07, 01/08, 22/08, 13/10</small>	Week Two <small>28/04, 19/05, 18/06, 07/07, 08/08, 29/08</small>	Week Three <small>05/05, 02/06, 23/06, 14/07, 15/08, 06/10</small>
Monday	Option 1	Cheese Slice	Cheesy Pasta	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
	Option 2	Pasta Provencale	Tomato Pasta	Curried Vegetable Pasty
	served with	Pasta Baked Beans & Peas	Garlic Bread Mixed Salad & Sweetcorn	Pasta Coleslaw & Sweetcorn Salad
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Ice Cream Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Ice Cream Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Ice Cream Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit
Tuesday	Option 1	Chicken Fajitas	Beef Tacos	Baked Sausages
	Option 2	*Mexican Bean Wraps	*Veggie Tacos	Quorn Sausage
	served with	Rice Carrot Batons & Shredded Lettuce	Rice Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables	Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans & Peas
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Krispie Cake Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Cheesy Chocolate Cake Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Iced Carrot Cake Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Option 1	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding	Sausage Roll Slice	Roast Chicken & Stuffing
	Option 2	Carrot & Lentil Bake	Quorn Sausage Roll	Veggie Meatloaf
	served with	Roast Potatoes Green Beans & Mixed Vegetables	Roast Potatoes Diced Carrots & Broccoli	Roast Potatoes Cauliflower & Diced Carrots
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Orange Flapjack Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Oat Cookie Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Goopy Chocolate Biscuit Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit
Thursday	Option 1	Meaty Pizza	Pork Meatballs	Gammon Ham
	Option 2	Vegetable Frittata	Meatless Meatballs	Crunchy Vegetable Crumble
	served with	Saute Potatoes Mixed Salad & Coleslaw	Pasta Mixed Vegetables & Green Beans	Potato Puffs Cucumber Sticks & Grated Carrot Salad
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Iced Lemon Cake Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Ginger Cookie Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Marble Sponge Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit
Friday	Option 1	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers
	Option 2	Veggie Nuggets	Veggie Nuggets	Veggie Nuggets
	served with	Chips or Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Chips or Pasta Baked Beans & Peas	Chips or Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with *Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Cooks Choice Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Cooks Choice Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit	Cooks Choice Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit

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<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-C-of-E-Primary-School-820857021275490/>

As always, please don't hesitate to make contact via email or telephone with any queries, comments or concerns you may have.

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